

It's essential that the FCC reject the NAB petition (04-160) seeking to prevent satellite radio from offering local traffic and weather broadcasts. For any business, the simplest response to competition is to get the government to stifle it. That is not only anti-market and anti-progress, it's bad for business itself in the long run. The best solution to the problems of competition is MORE competition, not less. The FCC should take the position, wherever possible, that competition is good for American broadcasting, and that protecting broadcasters from competition is bad for them, bad for their listeners, and bad for the country.